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POOL ELEVATOR FIRST TO RECEIVE THIS YEAR'S WHEAT

The first load of wheat threshed in this district, this season, was delivered at the Pool Elevator Saturday night, August 12th, by A. F. Wilson.

The wheat, which weighed 55 pounds per bushel was a much better sample than Mr. Wilson expected. The yield was also highly gratifying as the place threshed went 28 bushels to the acre. This grain was grown on stubble and Mr. Wilson expects his summer fallow will yield better.

INSTITUTE LADIES OF DISTRICT MEET AT QUEENSTOWN

A meeting of the Women's Institute of the Gleichen constituency, was held at Queenstown on August 10, with some 90 ladies present. Reports were heard from Cluny, Standish, Nightingale, Langdon and others. The ladies are working for the report much credit is due the organization for the work done during the past year.

The guest speakers at the meeting, during the day were: Mrs. W. Duncan of Calgary; Mrs. F. G. Greivitt of Calgary. Both these ladies have recently returned from a visit to Los Angeles and Delmonico, where they attended the world's fair. Mrs. Greivitt's subject was, "Women's Past in the New World." Mrs. Duncan spoke on the high tides of the World War. Mrs. Duncan Clark of Cluny, was re-elected constituency convener by acclamation.

The Queenstown ladies entertained all present to a delicious hot dinner and during the afternoon served tea.

MEETING U.F.W.A.

The regular meeting of the ladies of the U.F.W.A. was held on the afternoon of August 10th at the home of Mrs. Justin Smith in town. Three visitors present. The meeting was opened with a song and the roll call was answered by "What takes my eye when window shop ping."

The minutes and correspondence were then dealt with by the meeting after which the ladies then got to get together and set up quilts and quilting during the afternoon on Mrs. Hinton's quilts.

The sick committee reported Mrs. J. C. Hutcheson's health better able to meet with us. The report on the top was most favorable. At Mrs. Harry Buckley was unable to take the next meeting Mrs. B. Blam kindly offered her home on August 10th for the occasion. The hostess Mrs. Hutcheson read Bulletin on Health, which proved to be very interesting.

The report on Mother's Best Week was given by the delegates; First day Mrs. Quinlan on reception and journey to far, old land. 2nd day Mrs. W. McKewen, sewing hints and quilting, etc. 3rd day Mrs. A. McEwen, lecture on cancer control, bee-keeping and textile buying. 4th day Mrs. J. W. Hutcheson, lecture on Auto-Slaves and problems and politics in that country. The delegates thanked the organization for sending them. Mrs. Olds since the week was thoroughly enjoyed by all of them. The president thanked the delegates for their splendid reports. The hostess then served a delicious tea and all enjoyed a social hour. The members will meet on the 22nd of August 22nd at the home of Mrs. B. Blam at Stobart.

It was a rare-few crowd that gathered at the river for the annual picnic of St. Victor's Parish, last Sunday. The day was ideal, and hot sun, bright starting in a fine day. Everyone made the most of their last holiday outing for some time to come. Father Lebel, had provided candy and Mrs. Menard the prizes for the various events, and soon after luncheon the sports got underway. There was baseball and swimming for the energetic ones, a competition for the older members, races for young and old, and of course, the inevitable horse show. The last baseball game was ended by the super call, and soon the day was over. It was a tired but happy crowd that returned for home greeting is by the best picnic for some time.

TOWN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION SHOWS GAIN IN HALF YEAR

A commendable improvement in the town's financial position was noted when the auditor's financial statement for the half year ending June 30th and the report of the municipal inspector were presented at the town council meeting.

While the municipal tax levy this year is approximately 23 per cent less than 1938, the actual collection in current municipal tax levy is 1. per cent higher than at June 30th, 1938.

Bank loans for the first half of 1939 show a decrease of over \$4,000 as compared with a year ago. In fact, from June 30th, 1938, the town's bank loans were \$4,000 less than at the same time last year. A week's holiday check for \$1,000 was granted at this meeting.

JLD TIMERS' PICNIC HELD AT HOME OF MR. AND MRS. D. McBEAN

The Gleichen Old Timers gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan on Sunday afternoon, August 13th, for the occasion of their third annual picnic. A goodly number of Board of Trade members were present as special guests of the Old Timers. Games, races, lemonade and ice cream were enjoyed during the afternoon and at 5:30 o'clock all sat down to a bounteous supper which was very much enjoyed.

Expressions of opinion were requested as to whether these picnics should be continued; the purpose of which is primarily to recognize in one measure to the Board of Trade or their help in making the annual picnic and dance the success it always is, and secondly to make a summer time gathering of Old Timers and their children possible. It was unanimously agreed that the Old Timers picnic should be an annual event and should be held at different points arranged each year, the last week in July.

In the neighborhood of 150 attended the picnic Sunday, coming from all over the district, some from as far away as Calgary.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. STRANGE
Director, Research Department
Searle Grain Company, Limited

The price of wheat, the records show, has been higher than it has been since the year 1855, when it was equivalent to about 28 cents a bushel in Liverpool.

The present low price is the direct result of the wheat surplus today existing in the world.

How much is the surplus? The whole world produces and consumes each year, approximately 5,400 million bushels of wheat. The world's surplus or unwanted surplus today, it is calculated, is in fact, about 550 million bushels, or no more than sufficient to furnish the people of the wheat eating world with about 37 days supply.

Surpluses equal to this per person in the world, have appeared in the past, and always people have been astonished to find how quickly the surpluses, that many thought would endure for years, have disappeared. The reason that surpluses in the past have disappeared, and that this present surplus too may disappear more quickly than people think possible, is that while the total amount of bushels seems large, yet actually it only fills the world's needs for a very few days. Any slight climatic catastrophe to crops in any large country, therefore, would soon make all these surplus bushels indispensible.

Following factors have tended to raise prices: Considerable decrease in wheat and flour stocks afloat; the famine of most of Europe; the surplus earmarked for Germany and Italy. No offerings of Russian new wheat crop which is believed only moderate. Underdeveloped crop and weather reports from Europe.

RECREATION SCHOOL WILL OPEN HERE DURING OCTOBER

P. B. Nelson has returned after spending five weeks attending Summer School of Recreational and Physical Education at Mount Royal in Calgary.

The first week of October will mark the establishment of a six months Health and Recreational centre in Gleichen under Mrs. leadership. All those interested may attend providing they are within the age limit 16-35 and are not attending school. The program for each evening will include: the study of the master of dancing, exercises, tumbling, vaulting, pyramid building and games.

Last year saw the beginning of this movement in Alberta with over 10,000 registrations and a total attendance of 112,000. It has been established in British Columbia, the Dominion Provincial relations for the past three years and the registration in the latter province last year was 10,000. The growth of this movement can easily be understood by any who have participated in or observed the centres in action. The spirit of health and well being that develops is as infectious as smallpox.

Briefly, the purpose of the movement is to make the master of your body. This is the age of specialization and many bodies show the result of this by having some parts of the body overworked and some underworked. This is the age of specialization and many bodies show the result of this by having some parts of the body overworked and some underworked. This is the age of specialization and many bodies show the result of this by having some parts of the body overworked and some underworked.

Fundamental gymnastics is the best method of all round development in the shortest space of time. There are exercises for all parts of the body and these exercises are divided into three groups, viz, strength, flexibility and agility. Possibly the greatest advantage of this movement is that all may take part. In most present day competitive sports ninety five per cent are spectators and five per cent are competitors. It is quite different from the physical training, which had its value but did little to develop rhythm and co-ordination as the new system does.

If you want to develop a stream lined body in tune with our times, you must take the time to develop it. Re-create with recreation.

FROM THE FILES OF GLEICHEN CALL TWENTY YEARS AGO

S. D. Milliken left last week for Medicine Hat where he is building a distilling vat, for W. McMillan. S. states when he gets back he is going to install a distilling vat for Gleichen. The business began with prescriptions by injections from Neil.

Eugene Rochon, of Ottawa spent a few days in town visiting relatives. J. F. Fink of Winnipeg is a guest at the Palace Hotel for the next two weeks buying horses.

J. S. S. and wife spent a few days in town on their way to accept a position with Chris. Hartz. Mr. S. S. is in the employ of Geo. Matthews about two months ago.

G. C. Poulton, of Cluny, arrived in town Sunday from Montreal, after visiting a couple of months with his family.

The delivery of Three Hills is in town visiting with his friends. The Palace Hotel was overflowed last week with hall adjusters. Neil was in town for a few days. There would not be any use for them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ash left in their car last week for their home in Michigan.

John C. Duford returned Friday morning from a trip to Seven Persons and other southern points.

Charlie Bray of Travers was a visitor to town last week.

F. P. Dettler and wife arrived last week from Fort McPherson, Canada, to settle his crops south of the river. L. C. Wells of Kansas City has arrived in town to look after the harvesting of his crop. He has a large acreage in wheat.

V. Passmore a former Gleichen resident, but now of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan is in town renewing acquaintances.

That the ladies of the Gleichen branch of the U.F.W.A. are enterprising of the highest order was proven to a nicety Friday night when they gave an ice cream social at the home of John C. Buckley's home north of town.

THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

(By Special Correspondent)

His Excellency the Governor-General, long known as an expert fisherman, sampled the delights of Alberta mountain pools, when he cast his rod over a solitary mountain lake out of Jasper on the previous day Lord Tweedsmuir visited the Columbia ice field, that awe-inspiring birth place of great rivers that leaves the onlooker breathless and gasping on first view.

Thus Alberta's mountain playgrounds win more fame—the Royal Visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen having focused world attention on these and other Alberta vacation spots. The worth of the province in this regard is speedily becoming known throughout Canada and North America, as the tourist entries for this season show. Indeed, no great has been the increase this year, it would seem that, at last, Alberta is about to receive a bigger slice of this tremendous cash business that the alberta born the case.

The tourist trade is big business. But last year, Alberta received only \$1,417,000 out of a Canadian total of over \$280,000,000 and this in 1938. Actually, the city of Vancouver sold 30 times the tourist business of Alberta during 1938, according to reliable authorities. This year, however, due to the building up of highways and better advertising to reliable authorities, the total business according to Alberta will be raised considerably.

At Banff, for instance, a remarkable increase in ice registrations is reported. While the returns are not complete, the fact that increases for the months of April, May, June and July, totaling 3,891 cars were recorded, is a good basis for the belief that 1940 will be a peak year in the trade.

Jasper, too, has shown an increase. Up to August 9, the total entering the park was 2,180—an increase of 180 cars and 2,050 passengers over the corresponding period of 1938.

At Waterton a total of 10,738 cars registered—an increase of 2,610 cars and 10,181 visitors over the corresponding figures. Due to the great influx of United States cars during the month of August, it is confidently anticipated that the end-of-season figures will raise the totals considerably.

With a view to keeping a check on the trade, arrangements have been made to work out a proper compilation of the final figures—these relating to cars, passengers, and points of origin—and these will be released in due course.

A reminder of the importance of the tourist trade, however, is the fact that entering Ontario last summer left behind them hard cash to the tune of \$117,000,000—while the value of the whole Western crop was placed at \$198,000,000. The comparison, so far as Alberta is concerned, is certainly odious.

The Calgary Herald recently summed up the situation editorially in the following words: "The business of attracting visitors should be important to Albertans. It should be as important as oil or wheat, because if Alberta is going to grow and prosper, the kind of tourist everyone wants it to be, we will have to develop a more varied economy. We have made a good start. We have oil, wheat, and a good mix of mixed farming, oil and coal and gas as well as wheat. Could we not add the benefits of the tourist industry to a more generalized economy?"

Building in Edmonton continues to maintain a high mark during the summer months. In several parts of the city new structures are being erected, and in all parts alterations and reconstruction are general. Plans for the new structure under the Home Improvement Plan shows that Edmonton now stands fourth among all Canadian cities in the total obtained. At June 30 the total stood at \$658,000 with Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg in the lead.

At the same time, construction of four dwellings costing about \$10,000 under municipal auspices proceeds. The home building is financed out of a revolving fund which is in the city's hands.

Alberta is now ready to enter the fire insurance business. The annual (Continued on another page)

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(Continued from page one) THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

announcement was made by Hon. E. C. Manning at a Raymond meeting. Rules will be considerably lower than those prevailing at present, the Minister stressed, and all profits will go into provincial revenues. As the situation exists, he added, Alberta pays annually \$12,000,000 per year to

outside interests in premiums, while the average return was only \$4,000,000 yearly.

In connection with government's own insurance, Mr. Manning said new policies—by which the province assumes the first ten per cent, of risks and groups the rest with Lloyd's of London, \$74,000 has been saved in the past three years.

Fourth anniversary of the 1935 election to power of the present pro-

vincial government will be celebrated on Democracy Day, August 22nd, according to Premier Aberhart. On the Sunday preceding, special remembrance services will be held in Calgary and a province-wide broadcast will be made from Edmonton.

Alberta's wheat crop this year promises to reach the 150,000,000 bushel mark, according to an announcement by the minister of agriculture. Cash value, based on esti-

Town & District

O. K. Crossett—better known as Hogan—spent a few hours in town the first of the week. He is now located at Retlaw.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rougeau, of Cluny, died last Wednesday, Aug. 9th. Interment was made in the family plot in the Gleichen Catholic cemetery.

Earl Calf Child and Teddy Yellow Fly, Backfeed Indiana will leave shortly for Ottawa to attend and Indian department convention. They should have a good time since they are leaving the ladies at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leggett of Calgary and Mrs. Walter Shaw of Vancouver were Gleichen visitors over Sunday. While here they attended the Old Timers picnic.

J. Hewitson has left for points west for a three weeks' holiday. Mr. Hewitson says that when he gets back he expects his crop will be ready to cut and after enjoying the holiday should be able to do the work of two men.

About 1,200 transient families are resident in Alberta without having established residence, according to Bureau of Relief officials. The information was released at the same time as protest against terms of the new relief agreement was made. Wording of the Dominion framed agreement, it was stated, is insufficiently broad, and while maximum is set, no minimum is mentioned. Only 50 per cent of aid to un-established transients in Alberta is paid by the Dominion.

Belief that police have unearthed what appears to be a widespread naturalization racket is entertained in Edmonton, where Mr. Justice Tweddle appeared at a hearing as a witness against a defendant charged with perjury. It is said that nearly 50 persons will be charged with various offences concerned with the illegal obtaining of naturalization papers. A ring is suspected.

POSITION WANTED—Cook on cook car. Apply to Mrs. Dingman.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rougeau, of Cluny, wish to thank those who so kindly sent flowers and assisted in other ways during their recent bereavement.

UNITED CHURCH

Rev. J. N. Wilkinson, minister.
Miss Majorie Birch, pianist.
7:30 p.m. Divine worship. Subject of sermon: The danger of being destroyed by means of one's affections.

Estimated average grade, shipping point and peg, should be about \$70,000,000, he added. Deterioration of crops in some parts of the province during the two weeks prior to his announcement "was alarming," the minister said. Most serious losses may result from grade drop due to shrivelling, under-irrigation.

Some days earlier, on his return from a southern inspection tour, Mr. Mullen denied the rumor that irrigation activities might be suspended in the Brooks area. "Without irrigation there would be no crop," said the minister.

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